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City ready for soccer?

Senators owner proposes $100M stadium, eyes MLS

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Ottawa Senators owner Eugene Melnyk wants a $100-million soccer stadium next to Scotiabank Place to house a potential expansion Major League Soccer team.

Leveraging the success and connections of the Senators, Melnyk is bidding to bring a MLS team to Ottawa.

"A world-class stadium is paramount to bringing professional soccer to Ottawa," Melnyk said yesterday. "Twenty years ago, a group of big thinkers had a big idea to bring NHL hockey to Ottawa. It's time for another big idea."

Melnyk has proposed a stadium that could cost up to $100 million with a capacity up to 30,000. The stadium would have a grass field surrounded by a horseshoe of stands with an overhang covering many seats and a permanent stage at the south, open end of the structure. It would be built on land southeast of the hockey arena, which is city-owned and used for snow storage in the winter.

"Our proposal to build a stadium beside Scotiabank Place is not purely out of convenience ... Over 15 million visitors have gone through the doors of Scotiabank Place so people are very familiar and very accustomed to our site."

Melnyk said about 7,500 parking spaces are available and highway and transit infrastructure is already in place to support large numbers of visitors. He said a MLS franchise in the city could generate up to $60 million in economic activity for the region, which he said would be maximized by the business already taking place at Scotiabank Place.

Scoring a team

- A new MLS franchise costs $40 million.
- Expansion bids for the 2011 season are due on Oct. 15, with a decision to be announced by early 2009.

TIM WIECLAWSKI/METRO OTTAWA

Ottawa Senators owner Eugene Melnyk throws a ball up in the air while surrounded by kids at a press conference yesterday to announce a proposal for a $100-million stadium to house a professional soccer team in Ottawa that would be build next to Scotiabank Place.

Service for Dewar tomorrow

PUBLIC The public is invited to pay their respects to former mayor Marion Dewar at city hall tomorrow.

The Lying in State for Dewar, who died in a Toronto hospital at age 80 after suffering a serious fall over the weekend, is held at Jean Pigott Hall at city hall from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Dewar was mayor of Ottawa from 1978 to 1985.

The honour guard will be in position at the Laurier Street entrance of city hall at 8:45 a.m. for the arrival of Dewar, and again at 5:45 p.m. for the departure. The public may enter city hall through the Lisgar Street entrance as of 8 a.m. or the Laurier Street entrance after 10:30 a.m.

Underground parking is available at city hall and can be accessed by Laurier Avenue or Elgin Street.

Dewar's funeral is 11 a.m. Friday at St. Basil's Church in Ottawa.

TRACEY TONG/METRO OTTAWA

Toronto school in lockdown

SHOOTING Police locked down a Toronto high school after a 16-year-old boy was shot in the abdomen. The boy was shot outside Bendale Business and Technical Institute in the city's east end. He then ran inside and collapsed. He was rushed to Sunnybrook hospital in serious condition.

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Traffic program seeks safer roads

Through its Selective Traffic Enforcement Program, the city's Integrated Road Safety Program laid 157 cycling safety charges and 514 red light-running charges last month. Ottawa residents have identified traffic safety as a top priority. The program's goal is to reduce traffic fatalities or serious injuries by 30 percent by 2010. OTTAWA POLICE

Ottawa

Police open house

The public is invited to preview plans for a new Ottawa police patrol station in the city's west end tonight. Between 7 and 9 p.m., police are hosting a community open house at the Kanata Recreation Centre to show the proposal for the new site at 211 Huntmar Drive. The facility is to be built and operational by December 2009. OTTAWA POLICE

Prime time for Carleton student

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A Carleton University PhD student has played a key role in the recent discovery of the world's largest-known prime number.

An international team called the Great Internet Mersenne Prime Search — of which Ottawa's Jeff Gilchrist is a member — discovered the 12.9 million-digit number on August 23.

Gilchrist, 32, independently verified the number using one of the university's supercomputers over 16 days.

It is the first prime number — a number that can only be equally divided by the number one and itself —ever discovered with more than 10 million digits and qualifies for the Electronic Frontier Foundation Cooperative Computing Award of $100,000 U.S.

"It's very exciting for me," said Gilchrist, who is studying systems and computer engineering at Carleton University.

"In the mathematical world, this is like an Olympic event where everyone is trying to beat the last record."

TIM WIECLAWSKI/METRO OTTAWA

Jeff Gilchrist played an integral role in an international team that discovered the largest prime number ever recorded. It has 12.9 million digits.

Discovered by a computing manager at the University of California, the new largest-known prime number — written in shorthand as 243,112,609-1 — beats the last record of 9.8 million digits by more than 3 million digits.

The new record has wiped out six other-record breaking prime numbers that Gilchrist has helped to verify over the years.

"This number's important because it breaks the 10-million barrier," said Gilchrist. "It's a big deal in the mathematical world.

"To get an idea of how large this number really is, if you printed all of the digits in a book, it would be over 3,200 pages long," he said.

"That would fill the majority of the Harry Potter series of books. I find it fascinating that a number with over 12 million digits cannot be equally divided by another number except one and itself."

In itself, this particular number is not important.

"It's more to see what computers are capable of doing with extremely large numbers," said Gilchrist. "Prime numbers are used in some computer security systems. Some cryptographic algorithms are used for Internet security and e-commerce relies on the difficulty of finding large prime numbers," he said.

Too early to talk about MLS: Councillors

PROPOSAL City councillors say they're waiting to see some paperwork before judging the proposed west-end stadium to bring Major League Soccer (MLS) to the city.

The stadium would be built on city-owned land at the western edge of the Stittsville-Kanata West, but the ward councillor, Shad Qadri, said he had not yet spoken to the group Senators Sports and Entertainment.

Alta Vista councillor and chair of the planning and environment committee Peter Hume said so far, the stadium is nothing more than an announcement and there has not been a formal proposal to the city.

Mayor Larry O'Brien expressed excitement about the prospect of top-flight professional soccer coming to Ottawa.

TIM WIECLAWSKI/METRO OTTAWA

TRACEY TONG/METRO OTTAWA

Shepherds of Good Hope executive director Paul Soucie unveils a sign asking drivers to voice the need for homelessness programs at the corner of King Edward Avenue and Murray Street yesterday.

Homelessness funding at risk

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Commuters stuck in traffic amidst the construction at King Edward Avenue and Murray Street can make a difference in the lives of a homeless person.

Directors with several city services for the homeless unveiled a new sign at one of downtown's busiest intersections yesterday to ask residents to voice the need for homelessness programs in Ottawa.

"We're unveiling this one to ask people driving by this busy corner to take a moment to e-mail the prime minister," said Shepherds of Good Hope executive director Paul Soucie.

Funding for the homeless is an issue across the country, he said.

"We want people to e-mail him and ask for a commitment now to renew the federal homelessness programs."

With the approach of the federal election, Alliance to End Homelessness chairman Perry Rowe said none of the parties have homelessness on their radar.

The current federal funding for homelessness ends at the end of March 2009 — or in 195 days. The community is at risk because it takes four to six months to get funding into the community once it is committed, he said.

"The money provides services that are absolutely needed. The last round of funding helped more than 9,000 families — or 25,000 people — here in Ottawa," said Rowe.

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What's online today.

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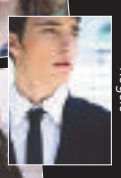
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Only 4.5 per cent of stray cats get returned to their owners

That number would drastically increase if more pets had identification. The OHS is hosting a microchip clinic for dogs and cats this Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at its Champagne Avenue location. The cost is $45 per animal, two for $85 and three for $125. **OTTAWA HUMANE SOCIETY**

Cleaning the Capital not a bail condition

CitySCapes

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Every day, I walk in city streets. I drive to work. I run. I take the dogs out.

Most of us never think about it, but as Ottawa residents, we're regular users of sidewalks, the path systems, schools, parks and trails. And like other things we use on a daily basis, such as our homes and our cars, the city could benefit from a little maintenance or TLC from us now and again.

Armed with garbage bags and latex gloves, I scoured — OK, maybe it was more like skimmed — the streets and parks around my home in the city's south end yesterday.

What I found wasn't pretty.

I picked up pop cans, chocolate bar wrappers, receipts and plastic bags. I was only out for an hour, but filled a huge black trash bag.

"That's nice of you," a neighbour said after I explained to her that I was not, in fact, doing community service as part of a jail release. "More people should do that. But I guess people don't have time."

"Litter has a tendency to get into those little nooks and crannies. This is a great way to get at it."
Leslie Vanclief, city surface operations

As it turns out, Ottawans are making time.

More than 15,000 volunteers are expected to pitch in during the third annual Fall Cleaning the Capital, which started Monday and wraps up a month from now. The official launch for the campaign is tomorrow at city hall.

If all goes according to plan, volunteers will collect approximately 26,000 kilograms of garbage in the next month.

The number of participants goes up every year, said Leslie Vanclief, program manager for the city's surface operations branch.

In 2007, more than 60,000 people came out for the city's two cleanup campaigns, held in the spring and the fall.

The individual projects, which target trash in neighbourhoods, public parks, stormwater ponds, woodlots and schools, allow people to give back to an area of the community where they spend their time, Vanclief said.

"Litter has a tendency to get into those little nooks and crannies. This is a great way to get at it," she said.

"Sometimes, we get whole schools participating," she said. The event also attracts service clubs, businesses and groups of neighbours who want to clean up their streets, she said.

"They take a lot of pride in the community that they live and work in," said Vanclief. "They want to make a difference."

While people tend to find "food wrappers, coffee cups and chip bags, occasionally, we do find other interesting items, like sofas," said Vanclief.

In addition to the food-related miscellany I picked up, I also found two mismatched socks, a pink hair scrunchie, a waterlogged Harlequin Romance novel, three pens, a broken pencil, a ripped dog leash, and a condom wrapper, which I confess grossed me out and I left lying there.

I didn't find any needles, which, Vanclief said, is unfortunately "a reality at many sites."

While volunteers take the garbage home with them or call 3-1-1 to arrange a pickup from city property, people are also encouraged to separate the trash from the recyclables.

Vanclief said she's pleased with the number of volunteers that come out and show community pride, adding that cleanup now before the snow falls will make the spring cleanup that much easier.

Hmm. I wonder if that same theory would work for my apartment - but that's a whole other story.

Metro Ottawa's Tracey Tong is an award-winning reporter. Her Cityscapes column appears every Wednesday.

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Missing boys home safe and sound

SEARCH Two missing brothers have returned home yesterday after an air and ground search in North Glengarry, southeast of Ottawa.

Police say the search was called off when Daniel Leger, 14, and Josh Leger, 12, walked up to emergency vehicles on County Road 18, east of Martintown.

The boys were last seen leaving their home in Summerstown at about 5 p.m. Monday.

Provincial police and canine units searched for the pair all night. A helicopter from CFB Trenton was also brought in to assist Tuesday morning.

Officials had thought the brothers might have lost their way in a nearby bush.

It is currently unclear where the boys spent the night. **CTVOTTAWA.CA**

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Canada

TARA WALTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

18-year-old Stephanie Hendrie is reunited with her mother Heather yesterday outside of a Toronto high school that was in lockdown mode after an afternoon shooting of a student.

Teen shot outside school

Toronto student suffers life-threatening injury

A 16-year-old student is in critical condition in hospital after he was shot outside a Toronto high school yesterday.

According to Toronto police Chief Bill Blair, Taimone Moore was involved in an altercation "with a number of young men" when one pulled out a gun, fired and hit Moore in the abdomen.

By the time police arrived, Moore had fled inside before collapsing in a pool of blood in the main hallway.

search is on

- At least three other males were involved in the fight and ran away after the shooting. They are being sought by police.

Blair said the teen was rushed to Sunnybrook Hospital with life-threatening injuries and is now listed in critical condition.

Dozens of students witnessed the brazen attack.

A person of interest was taken into custody for questioning around 4:30 p.m., but police have not released the name of the suspect.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Tory laughs off questions about MPP

LEADERSHIP John Tory tried to make light of his suspension of dissident MPP Bill Murdoch, but tensions between the two bubbled to the surface in Owen Sound, Ont.

The beleaguered Progressive Conservative leader, who still doesn't have a seat in the Legislature 11 months after last fall's election, joked that voters were asking yesterday how he's been sleeping.

Vote?

- Murdoch has suggested the party vote on the future of John Tory as its leader.

"I've said, 'Well, I'm sleeping like a baby, I wake up every few hours crying,'" said Tory.

Murdoch was suspended from the Conservative caucus last week for saying he had lost faith in Tory.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

U.S. bumps back Khadr trial

WAR CRIMES The U.S. military has reset the Guantanamo war-crimes tribunal of Canadian Omar Khadr for Nov. 10, meaning his murder trial will be delayed until after elections in Canada and the United States.

Omar Khadr

Omar Khadr's trial was scheduled to begin on Oct. 8, but a military judge postponed it this month amid defence complaints that the government failed to turn over evidence.

The November trial date was announced yesterday for the Toronto-born Khadr, who was 15 when captured after a firefight at a suspected al-Qaida compound in Afghanistan and accused of throwing a grenade that killed a U.S. soldier.

REUTERS

News in brief

SYPHILIS Health officials need to be more aggressive in tackling a syphilis outbreak in the Edmonton region, said a high-ranking doctor who specializes in infectious diseases. In 2007 there were 255 cases of syphilis, which is an infection that is passed on through sexual contact. This prompted Capital Health to kick off an awareness campaign urging people to practice safer sex and to get tested for syphilis as soon as possible.

SOLDIERS CLEARED Canadian soldiers involved in the shooting deaths of two Afghan children near Kandahar in July did nothing wrong and followed proper procedures, a military police investigation has found. The children were travelling in the Panjwaii district of the country in a vehicle that approached a Canadian patrol and ignored repeated warnings to stop, a statement from the Canadian military said.

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Did you know?
Elections Canada used about 550 tonnes of election materials in the 2006 election, including ballot boxes, forms, training manuals and signs. **ELECTIONS CANADA**

Election 2008

Don't fear majority: PM

Harper says strong mandate would allow him to run his legislative agenda

Conservative Leader Stephen Harper is suggesting that his next government — even if it is a minority as he predicts — would govern as if it had a majority when it comes to issues of the economy and crime.

At a roundtable discussion yesterday with about 30 ethnic media reporters from the Greater Toronto Area, Harper was asked to comment on the day's events — including bad economic news stemming from the U.S. and a shooting at a Toronto school.

Though he declined to comment on the school shooting, Harper delivered a defence of his party's position on gun crime that veered into how he would approach the next Parliament.

AARON HARRIS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Two girls don't appear to be paying attention yesterday as Prime Minister Stephen Harper speaks at the St. Volodymyr cultural centre in Oakville, Ont.

He suggested that while a majority is not to be expected, it is also not to be feared.

In any event, he made clear a stronger mandate would give him permission to run his legislative agenda as he sees fit.

"The other parties do not believe in tougher laws against criminals," Harper said. "That's why we need a strong mandate. And I can tell you, if I get a mandate, including a minority mandate, we are not going to be as tolerant of obstruction of this," Harper said.

> **"In a time of economic uncertainty, I do think the country needs a strong government that is able to govern."**
> Stephen Harper

Asked how a majority government would change his approach, Harper for the first time appeared to open the door to a possible majority win.

He said polls "all show us in the lead," but not all the surveys show the Conservatives winning a majority.

"I'm not predicting a majority. I'm running to get a strong mandate."

But Harper then took a new tack on the message of economic stability that he has been pushing since the election began, saying he won't tolerate "sabotaging" of the government's economic agenda either.

"In a time of economic uncertainty, I do think the country needs a strong government that is able to govern."

Harper said he would not change course, but govern as he has for the past two years by keeping the promises made on the campaign trail — nothing more, but nothing less.

Harper — asked if all crime bills would be confidence votes — said only "that would be too liberal an interpretation."

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Candidate

Justin Trudeau

Separatist group targets Trudeau

CAMPAIGN Justin Trudeau has been chosen as enemy No. 1 by a separatist group in Quebec. The Young Patriots of Quebec — which describes itself as an activist group of "indépendantistes" from age 7 to 77 and which also demonstrates frequently for the primacy of French language rights — yesterday launched its campaign against Justin Trudeau, a star Liberal candidate for the Montreal riding of Papineau. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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Election 2008

Drug plan vital: Dion

No Canadian with a serious illness should ever have to go into debt or sell their home to cover their medication, Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion said yesterday in Halifax.

Dion yesterday announced a program for catastrophic drug coverage worth $900 million over four years. The proposed plan would be in addition to programs already offered by such provinces as Ontario and Quebec.

"We believe that no Canadian should have to choose between taking a drug they need, and paying for their other basic needs," Dion said at a campaign stop. "Unfortunately, this is too often the case today, especially in the Atlantic provinces."

PHILIP CROUCHER/FOR METRO CANADA

Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion waves to supporters with wife Janine Krieber and Toronto Centre MP Bob Rae prior to a press conference yesterday in Halifax.

Dion said people with cancer, diabetes, arthritis and other serious illnesses should focus on getting better, not on worrying about their finances.

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Heard on the Street: Do we need this federal election?

From Metro newsrooms across Canada

Bhavna Bakshi
age 24, Ottawa

A: Yes, I don't like the Conservative government. I don't agree with a lot of their policies and I hope someone else is elected.

Marie-Eve Claudia
age 26, Ottawa

A: It's hard to tell if the population is satisfied with the present government. An election will confirm if the government is moving in the right direction or if people want changes.

Andrew Robb
age 23, Ottawa

A: I agree with Harper that Parliament was dysfunctional. Things weren't really going anywhere.

Claudia Bonifay
age 19, Montreal

A: Yes. I want some changes in Ottawa. The campaign should be longer though so we have the time to know what the parties have to say and to make a clear choice.

Roger Leborgne
age 43, Halifax

A: I think we need to get rid of Stephen Harper. Just because I don't like his way of doing business. Nothing personal.

Vern Dolinsky
age 30, Edmonton

A: I think it is necessary because they haven't really been accomplishing much in Parliament. It's just a chance to reset everything and start from scratch.

Teri Freeman
age 24, Calgary

A: I think this whole thing is kind of a waste of time. Everybody knows how they're going to vote anyway and nothing has come up so far that's going to change anyone's mind.

Danielle Behan
age 24, Vancouver

A: Yeah. With gas prices and everything, I think it's getting kind of ridiculous. I don't think the Conservatives are very focused on that.

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U.S. unprepared for digital TV switch: Report
U.S. regulators are unprepared for an expected surge in demand for government help from consumers needing to switch their television sets from analog to digital in February, a government report said yesterday. REUTERS

World/Business

Kidnapped reporters on video

Al-Jazeera television yesterday aired a video showing a Canadian and an Australian journalist kidnapped in Somalia last month, and said the pair were appealing to their governments to work for their release.

Canadian Amanda Lindhout, Australian Nigel Brennan and Somali reporter Abdifatah Mohammed Elmi, working as their translator, were seized on Aug. 23 by gunmen near Mogadishu.

The video showed Lindhout, wearing a long robe, and her colleague along with armed men. She was speaking to camera but the audio track was not aired.

The television said the kidnappers, calling themselves Mujahideen of Somalia, accused Canada and Australia of "taking part in the destruction of Somalia" and demanded that they review their policies.

An official for the group Reporters Without Borders said last week that the kidnappers were seeking $2.5 million for the return of the captives. Somalia's Islamist insurgents have denied being behind the kidnapping. REUTERS

Pakistan bombs militants as tensions with U.S. rise

BOMBINGS Pakistani aircraft bombed militant strongholds yesterday, killing 14 insurgents, and a suicide car-bomber attacked security forces, killing three soldiers, military officials said.

The violence came as the top U.S. military officer, Admiral Mike Mullen, arrived in Pakistan, where stepped-up U.S. strikes on militants on the Pakistani side of the Afghan border have angered Islamabad and strained relations between the two allies.

U.S. officials say Taliban and al-Qaida-linked fighters use ethnic Pashtun tribal regions on the Pakistani side of the border as a springboard for attacks into Afghanistan.

An intensifying insurgency in Afghanistan has raised fears, putting pressure on Pakistan to do more against militants and leading to more cross-border U.S. strikes. REUTERS

Dating Down Underwear

DANIEL MUNOZ/REUTERS

An Australian postal worker drives in front of a billboard with women dressed in underwear in Sydney. An Australian dating service has been plastering images of single people dressed only in their underwear on billboards across the nation.

News in brief

TALKS Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert agreed at a meeting with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas yesterday to hold further peace talks in the coming weeks, even though Olmert will soon stand down as premier.

ECONOMY Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez took a swipe at Lehman Brothers yesterday, chuckling over the firm's collapse and dismissing its past criticism of the Venezuelan economy. REUTERS

Pleeease
tell me you didn't wear your hair like that on purpose!

Palin may drop by United Nations

POLITICS U.S. presidential candidate John McCain may take his running mate Sarah Palin to the United Nations next Tuesday to give her the chance to meet a few world leaders, UN officials said yesterday

Their visit would coincide with President George W. Bush and Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's addresses to the 192 UN member states. REUTERS

Business

Emergency funds flow, bank investors still fret

Central banks pumped emergency funds into world financial markets for a second day yesterday in an increasingly fraught effort to contain the fallout from the crisis sweeping Wall Street's biggest firms.

But concerted global injections of hundreds of billions of dollars failed to bolster sentiment, or prevent a surge in the cost of borrowing between banks, which jumped well beyond the level hit when the global credit crunch first gripped markets in August 2007.

"The banking crisis is not over and we have potentially a difficult few months to get through right to the end of this year," said Padhraic Garvey, head of investment grade strategy at ING.

The interest rate banks demand for lending dollars overnight to other institutions surged above 10 per cent, signaling an escalation of mistrust. REUTERS

In crisis

- American International Group Inc. will receive a $85-million loan from the Federal Reserve to stave off bankruptcy
- BCE Inc. shares dropped 9 per cent so far this week, as the crisis worried investors concerned that funding for the company's $34.8-billion buyout may fall apart
- Sun Life Financial says it will take a charge on its Lehman investments totalling $349 million

Bell late payment fees struck down

RULING The Ontario Superior Court has ruled that Bell Canada Inc.'s collection of millions through a $25 "administrative" fee from late-paying satellite television customers amounted to a criminal rate of interest. An anti-loan sharking law prohibits rates over 60 per cent. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

In brief

AUTO No General Motors workers will be laid off next year as a result of an Oshawa plant closing, because so many workers have accepted early retirements or buyouts. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

SURPLUS Finance Minister Jim Flaherty says Canada will post a budget surplus in 2008-2009 of over $3 billion. REUTERS

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Torre up for Hall of Fame consideration
Ten former major league players, including Joe Torre. will be considered for election to the Baseball Hall of Fame by the Veterans Committee, it was announced yesterday. REUTERS

Sports

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Petitclerc has a golden finish

Wheelchair racer claims fifth win in Beijing

She is rolling perfection; Canada's gold standard of the three-wheel set. So, how appropriate it was yesterday that when Chantal Petitclerc finished the 1,500-metre wheelchair race in Beijing and ended her illustrious Paralympics career, she broke away from the pack to cross the finish line all alone.

After all, no one came close to her at these Paralympics where she won five gold medals and set three world records. Few Canadians have entered her stratosphere as athletes or inspiring role models.

"When I saw I was on my own, it was like a bonus," the 38-year-old Montrealer said of the exclamation point on her career.

"It felt like a gift to finish it all alone."

Perhaps it was a repayment, a bit of payback for all that the effervescent yet relentlessly tough Petitclerc has given her sport and her country. As one of Canada's most decorated Paralympians, she has brought home 21 medals from five of these quadrennial meets, a treasure-trove of excellence that includes 14 golds. Michael Edgson, a blind swimmer who lives in Delta, B.C., won 18 gold and three silver medals over three Games.

Petitclerc has also received many honours off the track — Maclean's magazine named her Canadian of the Year in 2004 — and she annually receives consideration for the Lou Marsh Trophy as Canada's athlete of the year. Undoubtedly, she will again this year.

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CLARO CORTES IV/REUTERS

Canada's Chantal Petitclerc celebrates as she crosses the finish line during the athletics women's 1500M T54 finals at the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games yesterday.

What a haul!

- With five gold medals at this year's Paralympic Games in Beijing, wheelchair racer Chantal Petitclerc retires with 21 medals in all, and is the world record holder at four distances.

Orioles win battle of the birds

Orioles 2 Blue Jays 0

MLB Luke Scott homered and Chris Waters hurled nine scoreless innings to lead Baltimore over Toronto, 2-0 last night, in the opener of a three-game set from Camden Yards.

Brian Roberts knocked in the other run for the Orioles, who have won two in a row.

Waters (3-3) completed a contest for the first time in his career, scattering four hits while fanning three and walking two.

Travis Snider doubled for the Blue Jays, who have dropped three straight games.

Shaun Marcum (9-7) took the loss, charged with two hits and a run over two-plus innings before leaving the game with right forearm numbness.

Chris Waters

Baltimore picked up the game's first run in the third, as Castro walked and scored when Roberts followed with a double. Nick Markakis walked and Marcum exited due to injury. John Parrish came on and fanned Melvin Mora before walking Aubrey Huff. Ramon Hernandez, though, grounded into a double play to end the threat.

Scott's 23rd homer of the season gave the O's a 2-0 edge in the fourth, and Waters was in control from there.

The young lefthander surrendered singles in the fourth to Vernon Wells and in the fifth to Gregg Zaun. Snider doubled with one out in the eighth, but Waters rebounded to retire five of the final six batters he faced to finish the contest.

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WNBA
The Women's National Basketball Association saw higher attendance, television ratings and online traffic in its 12th season as the professional league continued to draw more attention. REUTERS

Gloves come off for female sports fans

New book revels in women's love of all things big league

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Women enjoy professional sports. They really, really do.

This is a generalization, I know, but it's a cold, hard fact if you believe what's written in a new book called GAMEFACE, The Kick-Ass Guide for Women Who Love Pro Sports.

Women "may not fill our brains with as many numbers as some male fans do," GAMEFACE says, "but we appreciate the intricacies of the game, understand its complexity and appreciate the larger implications of sports. We get it. Most of us just aren't quite as obsessive about it as some of our male counterparts."

So there. Women share our passion and co-authors Erica Boeke and Chris De Benedetti do their utmost to prove it in GAMEFACE. Clearly, they did their due diligence and dug up what they believe females need and want to know to augment their apparent affection for sports. And their New York-based publisher, Virgin Books (please, let that go) provided them with 348 pages in which to get their mission accomplished.

J. MERIC/GETTY IMAGES

Passionate female fans, like these two Tampa Bay Rays boosters, abound in the world of pro sports.

The writers are life-long sports fans who obviously live and breathe this stuff and are determined to share their knowledge with fellow females. They smother readers with mostly riveting information in quick-hitting, easy-to-read fashion.

"Sure," the book says, "women sports fans don't mind that there are some fine looking men in sports, and we loved posting the 'Would you rather shag Tom (Brady) or Eli (Manning)?' question to our friends during the weeks leading up to the 2008 Super Bowl … But women also love players for their hearts, minds, characters and gravity-defying skills."

GAMEFACE is laden with details about sex scandals, including a couple of old pitchers (Fritz Peterson and Mike Kekich) swapping wives, and a one-night stand involving entertainer Madonna and ex-slugger Jose Canseco.

There are stories about lousy national-anthem performances and athletes who tried to cross over into music, often embarrassing themselves.

The authors also discuss fashion in sports — raving, incidentally, about the old Montreal Expos' chapeaus, which they called "very cool", and ripping the threads of the Denver Broncos, tennis player Rafael Nadal and sportscaster Craig Sager.

There's a nifty chapter on superstitions in sports, which describes not only the Curse of the Bambino (Babe Ruth) but also the Curse of Jessica Simpson.

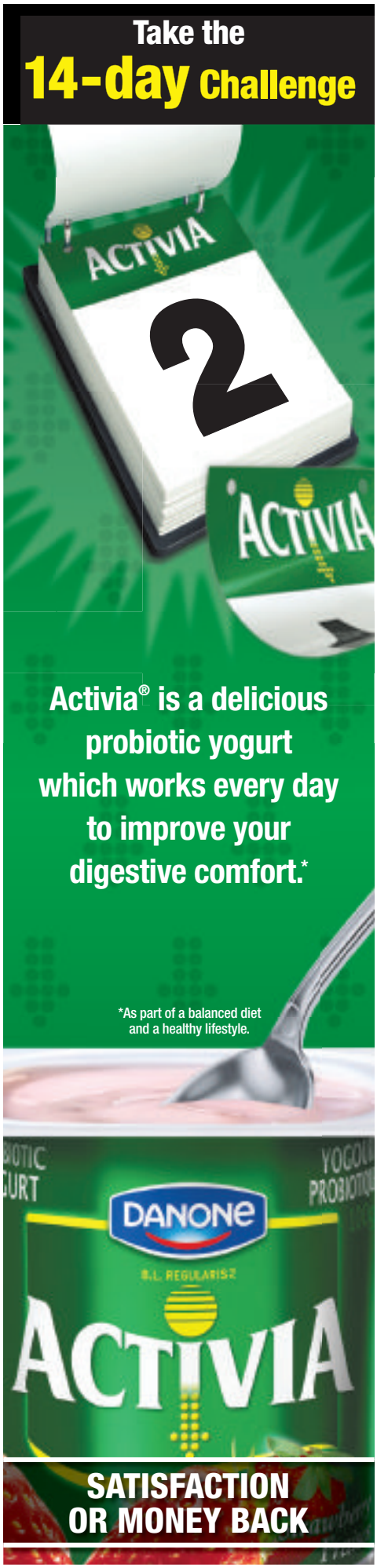
The authors recount famous feuds, pranks and couples (NHLer Mike Comrie and singer Hilary Duff made the book). There also are stories about crime and drugs and cheating and …

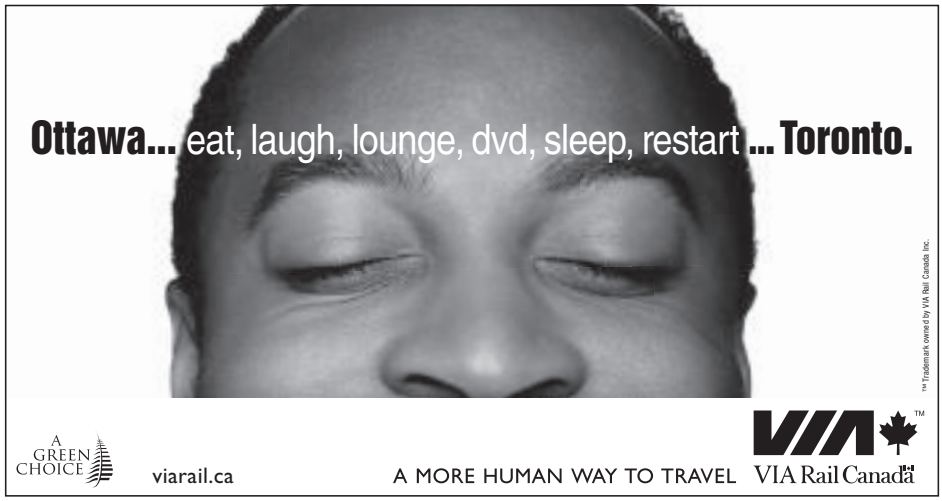
Yep, they cover all every woman (and man, for that matter) needs to know about the sports they love, and then some. The book doesn't hit shelves until October, but in the meantime, check out www.GoGameFace.com.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

Slump busters?

- On Page 126 of GAMEFACE, co-authors Erica Boeke and Chris De Benedetti tell readers all about "slump busters," when athletes go to bars to find "overweight, ugly women" for the purposes of sleeping with them — preconceived efforts to end their slumps.

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Woods offers to help U.S. Ryder Cup team
World No. 1 Tiger Woods has offered to give the U.S. team advice via telephone when they take on holders Europe in this week's Ryder Cup at Valhalla Golf Club. REUTERS

Bettman not happy with KHL

NHL boss has 'reservations' about Russian hockey league

NHL commissioner Gary Bettman can't hide his disdain for Russian hockey and the International Ice Hockey Federation for allowing Alexander Radulov to play in the Continental Hockey League (KHL).

"I don't think the way the KHL or the IIHF has handled the Radulov situation is either fair, appropriate or in good faith," Bettman said at a news conference following the league's board of governors meeting. "That's the reason we have reservations about doing business with the KHL going forward."

Bettman

Radulov is the rising star who is playing for Salavat Yulaev Ufa of the Russian-backed KHL even though he has a valid contract with the Nashville Predators. The IIHF has suspended Radulov from international play but has not sanctioned the KHL.

That has made the NHL's collective blood boil. Saying it wants to be a good international citizen by working toward a transfer agreement that would regulate the exchange of players, the NHL is nonetheless trying to extend its presence in Europe. Four teams will play regular-season games there this fall.

One of them, the New York Rangers, will play Russia's Metallurg Magnitogorsk in the inaugural Victoria Cup, a championship to be played annually between an NHL team and the European champion.

Bettman suggested the NHL's involvement in the Victoria Cup, and other IIHF events, could be at risk.

The NHL Players Association mused this summer that NHL involvement in tournaments like the world championship and Olympics might be in doubt if relations between the NHL and KHL remain frosty.

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Sports in brief

NHL The Anaheim Ducks waived defenceman Mathieu Schneider yesterday. The club signed the veteran to a multi-year deal prior to last season, where Schneider recorded 12 goals and 39 points in 65 games.

NHL Carolina Hurricanes centre Rod Brind'Amour underwent successful surgery on his left knee yesterday. He is expected to be back for the start of the season. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Roma shocked in Champions action

SOCCER Romania's CFR Cluj shocked AS Roma 2-1 on their Champions League debut yesterday but there were no surprises for big guns Chelsea, Liverpool, Barcelona or Inter Milan who all won their opening group games.

Christian Panucci had put Roma ahead in the 16th minute at the Stadio Olimpico, but two goals from Juan Culio handed the Romanians victory in Group A.

Panucci

"Starting this way at this level is incredible," Cluj's coach, Maurizio Trombetta said.

Chelsea opened with a 4-0 demolition of Girondins Bordeaux. Liverpool beat Marseille 2-1. Atletico Madrid posted a 3-0 win at PSV Eindhoven. Werder Bremen were surprisingly held to a goalless draw by Cypriot debutants Anorthosis Famagusta. Inter Milan beat Panathinaikos 2-0. Barcelona beat Sporting Lisbon. Ukraine's Shakhtar Donetsk put away Basel 2-1. REUTERS

SCOREBOARD

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE
EAST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Tampa Bay	89	60	.597	—
w-Boston	89	62	.589	1
N.Y. Yankees	80	71	.530	10
Toronto	80	71	.530	10
Baltimore	67	82	.450	22

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago Sox	84	66	.560	—
Minnesota	82	68	.547	2
Cleveland	73	77	.487	11
Detroit	70	79	.470	13½
Kansas City	66	84	.440	18

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
x-L.A. Angels	92	57	.617	—
Texas	74	77	.490	19
Oakland	69	80	.463	23
Seattle	57	92	.383	35

NATIONAL LEAGUE
EAST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
N.Y. Mets	83	67	.553	—
w-Philadelphia	83	67	.553	—
Florida	78	72	.520	5
Atlanta	67	83	.447	16
Washington	58	93	.384	25½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago Cubs	90	58	.608	—
w-Milwaukee	83	67	.553	8
Houston	80	70	.533	11
St. Louis	78	72	.520	13
Cincinnati	69	81	.460	22
Pittsburgh	63	88	.417	28½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
L.A. Dodgers	79	72	.523	—
Arizona	73	76	.490	5
San Francisco	68	82	.453	10½
Colorado	68	83	.450	11
San Diego	58	93	.384	21

(w — teams currently holding wild-card spots; x — clinched division title)

LAST NIGHT'S RESULTS
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Baltimore 2 Toronto 0
Tampa Bay 2 Boston 1
Chicago White Sox 6 N.Y. Yankees 2
Minnesota at Cleveland
Detroit at Texas
Seattle at Kansas City
L.A. Angels at Oakland
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Cincinnati 7 St. Louis 2
Florida 5 Houston 1
L.A. Dodgers 6 Pittsburgh 2
Washington 1 N.Y. Mets 0
Philadelphia at Atlanta
Milwaukee at Chicago Cubs
San Diego at Colorado
San Francisco at Arizona

TODAY'S GAMES
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Minnesota at Cleveland, 7:05
Chicago Sox at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05
Baltimore at Toronto, 7:07
Boston at Tampa Bay, 7:10
Detroit at Texas, 8:05
Seattle at Kansas City, 8:10
L.A. Angels at Oakland, 10:05
NATIONAL LEAGUE
San Diego at Colorado, 3:05
L.A. Dodgers at Pittsburgh, 7:05
Houston at Florida, 7:10
Philadelphia at Atlanta, 7:10
N.Y. Mets at Washington, 7:10
St. Louis at Cincinnati, 7:10
Milwaukee at Chicago Cubs, 8:05
San Francisco at Arizona, 9:40

CFL

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	T	PTS
Montreal	7	4	0	14
Toronto	4	7	0	8
Winnipeg	3	8	0	6
Hamilton	2	9	0	4

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	T	PTS
Saskatchewan	8	3	0	16
Edmonton	7	4	0	14
Calgary	7	4	0	14
B.C.	6	5	0	12

WEEK 12
FRIDAY'S GAME
Winnipeg at Hamilton, 7:30
SATURDAY'S GAMES
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B.C. at Saskatchewan, 9:30
SUNDAY'S GAME
Edmonton at Montreal, 1

NFL

WEEK 2
MONDAY'S LATE RESULT
Dallas 41 Philadelphia 37
WEEK 3
SUNDAY'S GAMES
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Oakland at Buffalo, 1
Carolina at Minnesota, 1
Kansas City at Atlanta, 1
Tampa Bay at Chicago, 1
Arizona at Washington, 1
Miami at New England, 1
Cincinnati at N.Y. Giants, 1
St. Louis at Seattle, 4:05
Detroit at San Francisco, 4:05
New Orleans at Denver, 4:05
Cleveland at Baltimore, 4:15
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Dallas at Green Bay, 8:15
MONDAY'S GAME
N.Y. Jets at San Diego, 8:30

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Festival Animation

Workshop

Join Ubisoft for a workshop on Animating for Videogames, which will examine the differences between animating for film and animating for games using Prince of Persia, left, and Assassin's Creed as examples. At the National Gallery, Sept. 20 at 11 a.m.

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This year, the festival boasts the participation of big studios like Disney and Pixar. Disney's Who Framed Roger Rabbit?, left, will be screened in honour of the film's 20th anniversary.

Capital crazy for cartoons

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It started in 1976 primarily as an industry event. North American animation professionals and enthusiasts gathered in Ottawa to exchange ideas about animation, as they screened 400 films.

Now, 32 years later, the festival has grown to become the biggest animation festival in North America, respected around the world for its innovation and diversity.

This year, a record-breaking 2,150 entries were submitted, and the result, according to the festival's artistic director Chris Robinson, is perhaps the most exciting and appealing Ottawa International Animation Festival yet.

"I am very excited about the balance at this year's festival, with both artsy and commercial films represented," says Robinson.

"The themes of the films are becoming more mature, digging into everyday life, and the quality this year is outstanding."

Opening today, and running for five days in venues throughout the downtown core, the festival draws competitors, judges, industry experts, and interested audience members from around the globe.

Spectators will have the opportunity to view hundreds of short and feature-length animated films, both those competing for awards and those screened as part of Canadian and International showcases.

"Animators are often anonymous, and there's not a lot of ego involved, so it's a great chance for people to meet and learn from their idols."
Chris Robinson

There are also dozens of events for festival participants and the general public such as workshops, panel discussions from huge names in the industry, programs for children and teens, and an animation school fair.

"It sounds cliché maybe, but there really is something for everyone," says festival managing director Kelly Neall.

"We really encourage anyone who's never been to the festival before to check it out because it's, of course, a really special film festival, but it's also a chance for people to discover animation from around the world, and meet some really interesting people."

Unlike many film festivals — where stars are kept at an arm's length from fans — the OIAF prides itself on giving participants a chance to get up close and personal with industry legends during talks and retrospective screenings.

"Animators are often anonymous, and there's not a lot of ego involved, so it's a great chance for people who want to know more to meet and learn from their idols," explains Robinson.

This year, the festival boasts the participation of big studios like Pixar and Disney, as well as events featuring the Toronto born, Oscar-winning animation director Richard Williams, and 20th-anniversary screenings of his hit film Who Framed Roger Rabbit?

Fans of acclaimed music video director Christopher Mills — or the many artists he's worked with, from Sam Roberts to Modest Mouse — can get a greater appreciation for his work during two retrospective showcases, tomorrow and Saturday at the National Gallery Auditorium.

As in previous years, there are also many special events and programs for kids and teens, beginning with the opening Animation Celebration this morning. Many of the events are free, and Neall says it's a great way for families to be entertained.

"Obviously animation isn't just for kids, and there's a lot fun events and screenings for kids of all ages, but this really is the kind of festival you can bring your whole family to for affordable, interesting entertainment," she says.

There are screenings at nine locations, $10 for adults and $6 for children and seniors. The festival runs until Sept. 21. For more information and a schedule of events, visit ottawa.awn.com.

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Behind the scenes
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Exploring animation's sexy side

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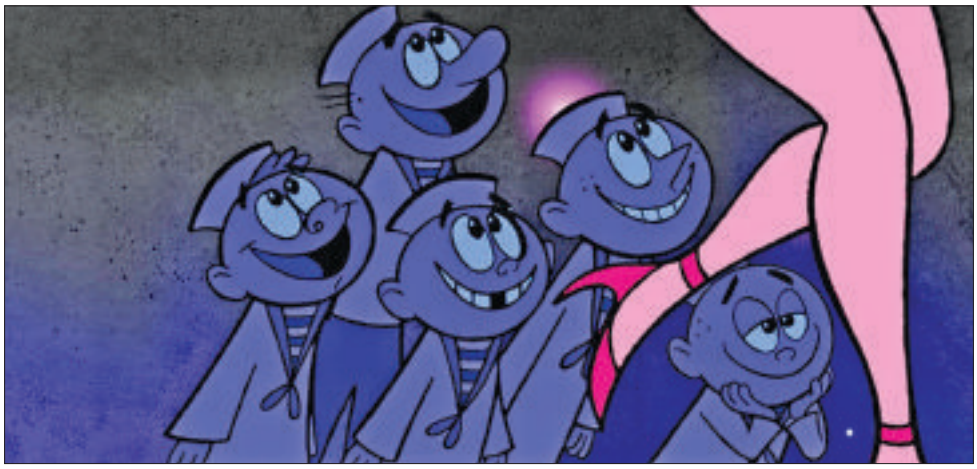

Boy's Night Out, a 2003 film by Teddy Newton and Bert Klein, is one of 14 erotic animated shorts featured at the Blue Toons event.

When it comes to naughty cartoons, Lee Demarbre is something of an expert.

The renegade filmmaker has been a collector of all varieties of unique, fringe films for years, and has wound up with a huge assortment of "very cool erotic animation."

Not surprisingly, he was the first person organizers of the Ottawa International Animation Festival looked to when they decided to offer a saucy presentation of Blue Toons: A Night of Naughty Animation.

"It's an easy sell, and we've never done an erotic animation event before. It's a part of animation history so we called on [Demarbre]," says festival artistic director Chris Robinson.

Demarbre has selected 14 of his favourite sexy animated shorts for a fun, and — ahem — adult-oriented event at Barrymore's, Saturday evening.

"I guess what I want people to know is that it's not what you think," says Demarbre.

"It's naughty, yes, but it will be a lot of fun too and just because it's erotic doesn't mean it's the same thing as porn. I just want people to come see for themselves what the art form can be."

The shorts Demarbre has put together come from countries as varied as the United States, Portugal, Holland and Brazil — the place he says is really the leader when it comes to producing animated erotica.

The films run anywhere from two to eight minutes in length and date from 1996 to a 2008 funny short about male anatomy called The Adventures of Baxter McGuire: The Boss.

But the history of erotic animation goes back much further, really since the dawn of animated art, Demarbre says.

"The same time that Disney was producing Snow White and Cinderella, there was cell animation erotica. The problem is not much is known or written about those early days, so it makes learning about the history pretty challenging," he says.

Demarbre is quick to point out that even though many of the images in erotic animation may be offensive, or considered vulgar to some, there is a difference between erotica and pornography.

"I guess you could say erotica is like watching people having sex through a keyhole, while porn has you there in the room. This is more left to the imagination with erotica and it's more artistic."

There is also a lot of comedy in the shorts Demarbe loves best, and he says because the animation doesn't depict "real people," it's sometimes easier for people to accept.

"It's certainly not Saturday morning cartoons, but it's a lot smarter than people might expect," he says.

"Some of the works are very innocent, some are quite artistic and abstract and others are sure to excite or offend, but I think all of them are definitely entertaining."

Blue Toons screen at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday at Barrymore's. The event is 19+.

Showcase for young animators

KIM MANNIX VERMETTE
for Metro Ottawa

Kyle Marshall's animated short, The Triumphant Campaigns of Captain Cudney, left, is premiering at the festival tomorrow.

When he was a teenager growing up in small-town Saskatchewan, Kyle Marshall knew he wanted to be a filmmaker.

His passion for animation came a few years later, and since graduating from animation college in 2004, he's been steadily employed in the industry.

But as much as Marshall enjoys his current job at Ottawa animation studio Mercury Filmworks — where he is a character designer for Jimmy Two Shoes and Gerald Mcboing Boing — he's always had a passion to make his own flicks.

That's why he feels so "honoured and excited" to have his animated short, The Triumphant Campaigns of Captain Cudney, premiering at the Ottawa International Animation Festival (OIAF) tomorrow, and running again Sunday.

"I worked on it for about a year and a half, and finished it just two days before the festival submission deadline," Marshall says.

"I'm just so glad there's an opportunity here for people to watch it."

Marshall's short is a tale of a colonialist captain setting sail on unchartered seas to rescue his captured love. It was inspired by the music of some of his favourite indie bands, and he says when he "listens to music, images and stories just start to develop."

But having good ideas is one thing. Learning how to make them into art is another, and Marshall says that's why festivals like OIAF are so important for aspiring animators.

"It's amazing the opportunities you have at this festival to meet other artists and your own idols in the industry," he says.

"I still think a lot of people are unaware this festival is here and it's the kind of thing that can inspire anyone, especially with all the great lectures and retrospectives."

Will Inrig, a 17-year-old Canterbury High School graduate whose animated short The Depose of Bolskivoi Hovhannes is entered in the short competition, says he's surprised a project he did for school has garnered so much attention, but he appreciates a festival that pays attention to youth.

"I think this festival is extraordinary in supporting younger artists, and providing programming for and by children and teens," he says.

He is the lone Ottawan in competition, but says he has no intentions of pursuing a career in animation, opting instead to follow his passion for documentary making.

But he's excited to be a part of such a renowned festival in his hometown, whether he wins or loses come judging time.

"I am grateful for the exposure and support. It's been a wonderful experience."

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Infiniti thinks outside box

'Coupe-inspired SUV' has both brawn and beauty

LORNE DRURY
for Metro Canada

Infiniti's new 2008 EX35 is one of the new wave of compact luxury vehicles based on a car platform, in this case the G35 sedan.

Every so often a vehicle comes along that doesn't fit in one of the standardized little compartments those in the automotive world like to refer to as segments.

One such example is Infiniti's new 2008 EX35, which the manufacturer describes as a "coupe-inspired SUV," and many in the business would put in the small, but growing, compact luxury sport utility class.

That may be as good a way to put it as any because it sure is sporty, but many would argue with the utility part of the equation because the EX35 is far from what one is used to in a traditional sport utility vehicle.

That's because cargo volume is limited when the back seat is in use and the legroom in that backseat area is less than what you would find in most other SUVs.

If anything, I would put the EX35 in the crossover category because it is based on the same platform as the popular G35 sedan.

But regardless of how you describe it or what segment it fits in, there is no denying the EX35 is one beautiful vehicle.

And because it is car-based, it handles like a sports sedan or coupe and due to its size, is easy to manoeuvre in tight city driving.

In short, the perfect vehicle for those upscale suburbanites who want sporty looks, above-average performance and a touch of luxury in a smaller wagon-style package.

Infiniti has also packed in a lot of interesting new technological goodies into the EX35, including the optional Lane Departure Prevention system and Around View Monitor.

My tester was a loaded model with all the toys Infiniti offers in the EX35. It topped out at $50,050 plus freight and PDI.

Not a vehicle for anyone light in the pocketbook, but sure one I would love in my driveway.

The interior is every bit as attractive as the exterior styling. Note the wave-style dashboard treatment and soft-touch materials used inside the cabin.

It is powered by the same 3.5-litre V6 engine that is in the G35 sedan. The engine produces 297 hp and is mated with a five-speed automatic transmission with manual shift mode. The same all-wheel drive system utilized in the 2008 M, FX and G Sedan is standard in the new EX35.

Styling wise, the EX35 has the looks of its FX sibling. Sleek, flowing lines, the long hood and coupe-like roofline produce an appealing exterior package.

"The EX35 is the perfect fusion of a luxury coupe and a high-utility SUV," said Ian Forsythe, director, corporate and product planning for Nissan Canada Inc.

"It's 'right-size' packaging gives it excellent around town maneuverability, while the wide rear hatch and low load floor make it a versatile performer for everyday and weekend use."

Turning to the interior, the cabin is as beautiful as the outside with a "wave-inspired" instrument panel, high-contrast gauges with white and violet illumination, soft touch materials and pleasing hospitality lighting.

During my test, I found the heated leather seats were soft, supportive and comfortable. An eight-way power driver's seat and four-way power passenger's seat are standard.

On the road, the EX35 delivers a smooth, comfortable ride with brisk acceleration.

In terms of fuel economy, the EX35 is rated as 12.9L/100 km city and 8.5L/100 km highway using premium gasoline.

Similar to the G35, the EX35 has an independent double wishbone front suspension with stabilizer bar and an independent multi-link system on the rear with stabilizer bar. Steering is power assisted and anti-lock braking with Electronic Brake force Distribution (EBD) is standard.

Two trim levels are offered on the EX35 — Luxury and Journey. Starting at $40,400, prices climb to the low-$50s.

2008 Nissan Infiniti EX35

Type: Compact luxury SUV
Price: $50,050
Engine: 3.5L DOHC V6
HP: 297 hp

Highlights

- Great looks
- Handles like sport sedan

As any parent will attest, the most important factors to consider when picking out a new car in conjunction with a new slate of classes are affordability, reliability, practicality and safety.

Chevy tops back-to-school cars list

The editors of U.S.-based Kelley Blue Book have announced their picks for the 2008 Top 10 New and Top 10 Used Back-to-School Cars to help students and parents decide which rides are best to consider for their next vehicle purchase.

Whether school is across town or on the other side of the country, the beginning of a new academic year often necessitates the purchase of a new (or used) car.

As any parent will attest, the most important factors to consider when picking out a new set of wheels in conjunction with a new slate of classes are affordability, reliability, practicality and safety. Most students, however, would likely trade all those attributes for a heavier helping of cool and fast.

Below, are the Top 10 New and Top 10 Used Back-to-School Cars for 2008 from Kelley Blue Book's kbb.com:

TOP 10 BACK-TO-SCHOOL CARS: NEW

- 2008 Chevrolet Cobalt
- 2008 Ford Focus
- 2008 Honda Fit
- 2008 Hyundai Tucson
- 2008 MAZDA3
- 2008 Scion xB
- 2008 Subaru Impreza
- 2008 Suzuki SX4
- 2008 Toyota Matrix
- 2008 Volkswagen Rabbit

TOP 10 BACK-TO-SCHOOL CARS: USED

- 2008 Chevrolet Aveo
- 2007 Dodge Caliber
- 2005 Ford Crown Victoria
- 2004 Ford Focus
- 2004 Honda Civic
- 2006 Hyundai Elantra
- 2004 Mazda Tribute
- 2004 MAZDA3
- 2004 Nissan Altima
- 2004 Pontiac Vibe

The A6 is Audi's mid-size offering, slotted between the A4 and A8 ranges, and is tied to the family through shared styling cues.

Avant garde to the max

Audi A6 blends excitement and practicality

PHILIPPE CROWE
for Metro Canada

Are you looking for sports-car handling, "better than the pack performance," style that states right away that you are at the top taste-wise, and a touch of high-end luxury and technology? But you also want comfort and space to spare, as well as a practical aspect that can't be found in a sports car. But you want everything else from that sports car.

As for the interior, it is simply a sumptuous place to spend time, either cruising or driving the Avant like a top-level sports car.

Your car has arrived!

Let me introduce you to the Audi A6 Avant 3.2 S-Line.

The A6 is Audi's mid-size offering, slotted between the A4 and A8 ranges, and is tied to the family through shared styling cues. The contours of the shoulder line sweeping up and the movement of the dynamic line above the side sills give the entire body of the car a unique push in forward design. Seen from the front, the trapezoidal design of the single-frame radiator grille is the shared front fascia styling cue of Audi models.

Avant identifies the station wagon version developed on the sedan's platform. Not the square wagon of your grandparents, but a very stylish, swoopy one. The luggage compartment in the A6 Avant is as advanced as the rest of the vehicle. It employs two securing rails that are recessed into the floor. They are fitted with four sliding, adjustable, and lockable load-retaining lugs that can be used to secure items of almost any size. Also using these rails is a removable telescoping arm and a retractable cargo strap. Both of these items help to separate and secure items in the cargo area. The load floor itself can be folded and locked in a variety of positions to divide the cargo area.

The 3.2 identifies the size of the engine, a 3123cc V6 FSI with 255 hp and 243 ft-lbs. of torque. FSI is Audi's direct injection technology. A direct injection engine delivers a more dynamic response with higher torque and power output, and lower fuel consumption. The main factor contributing to these improvements is how fuel is delivered. Fuel is not injected into the intake port but directly into the combustion chamber.

Other exciting features of the FSI engines are on-demand fuel supply, four-valve technology, a variable intake manifold and infinitely variable camshaft adjustment, which give the driver a dynamic and powerful reaction to every movement of the accelerator. All this equals muscular torque and high fuel efficiency.

Finally, S line is a package that regroups a number of exterior elements including a distinctive front grille with S line badge, aluminum door sills with S line badges, S line front and rear bumpers and 18-inch 5-arm quattro GmbH wheels with 245/40/18 summer performance tires or an optional two piece 19-inch 20-spoke alloy wheel with performance tires. When equipped with this package, the standard wood trim in the A6 is replaced with an elegant gray birch wood trim.

Being an Audi, this A6 Avant sends the power through the now legendary Quattro all-wheel-drive system, a package that seems to have been tailor made for our country.

As for the interior, it is simply a sumptuous place to spend time, either cruising or driving the Avant like a top-level sports car.

Media heaven behind wheel

Audi has just broken the sound barrier with an advanced new in-car entertainment system that offers exceptionally easy and intuitive control of iPods, MP3 players and CDs, but actually doesn't need any of them.

With its new integral hard drive, the latest Audi Multi Media Interface (MMI) is capable of storing up to 4,000 tracks internally, more than enough even for long-haul trans-continental holiday journeys.

When MMI is combined with the optional Audi Music Interface, the driver can remotely control an iPod or other music storage device using the central MMI control knob with its new built-in joystick and the four logically arranged push buttons grouped around it.

Full track and title listings are displayed on the sophisticated in-dash screen, and tracks can be scrolled through and selected in much the same way as they are using the iPod itself, earning the system plenty of plaudits already for its clarity, accessibility and ease of navigation.

Features available as part of the latest system also include DAB digital radio reception, analogue and digital TV reception and DVD playback, all through the large in-dash monitor.

The new high-tech hard drive has a total capacity of 40 GB, 10GB of which is given over to the 4,000-song mobile jukebox facility that can be loaded using SD memory cards. It also holds satellite navigation data covering the whole of Western Europe, replacing the outgoing system's already widely acclaimed DVD-based technology.

Audi has introduced the Audi MMI that features integral 4,000-song jukebox, full remote iPod control and HDD navigation.

The new hard disk dramatically enhances the already high quality mapping offered by the Audi Satellite Navigation System Plus, significantly increasing the degree of detail and offering a new 3D digital topographical view which gives a pictorial depiction of key landmarks to add even greater context.

Wherever possible it even provides a choice of three routes to a chosen destination, including one that has been specifically calculated to require the least possible consumption of fuel.

Driving the iPhone

•Audi has announced the release of the first ever iPhone application from an auto manufacturer. The "Audi A4 Challenge" is a driving game that utilizes the iPhone's accelerometer (motion sensor) to steer a digital version of Audi's entirely new 2009 A4 through a series of progressively challenging courses. Players maneuver the course and race against the clock to beat their own personal best time. The application is now available free of charge on Apple's iPhone Application Store. Customers who visit www.truthinengineering.com/a4/iphone on their iPhone will find a unique interface and content on the A4, specialized videos, wallpapers, an exterior color customizer, a dealer locator and link to install the Audi A4 Challenge application.

The Malaysian government has put its backing behind the Detroit Electric car. This is concept of the car.

Asian carmaker powers Detroit Electric

Detroit Electric is making a comeback in a big way with plans to progressively roll out affordable electric vehicles worldwide by the end of 2009.

It was one of the first all-electric cars and was built in Detroit before fading before the rise of the internal combustion engine before World War One.

As part of the Malaysian government's initiative to tackle rising fuel prices and the search for green alternative transportation, Detroit Electric's electric vehicle has been identified as one of the potential progressive innovative ways to tackle the on-going concerns.

Malaysian carmaker Proton has been requested by Prime Minister YAB Datuk Seri Abdullah Badawi to test and validate Detroit Electric's technology and explore the potential to collaborate to create a range of pure electric cars.

Detroit Electric has to date integrated its electric drive systems into Lotus Elise's, two Proton passenger cars, Daihatsu-Cuore and VW Golf, with the intent to use these electric drive systems to development pure electric vehicles for volume production within the next 18 months.

SE model shown, MSRP $15,770

The new incredibly fuel-efficient **2009 PONTIAC G3 WAVE.** Seriously, look at it. That's one fun and friendly looking car. But it really knows how to give the gas pump the cold shoulder. Still, even though 5.7L/100 KM on the highway and 7.9L/100 KM in the city[1] is bad news for the gas pump, it's great news for you. And even better news is that the G3 Wave is loaded with things like optional OnStar®, auxiliary audio input jack, five star rating for frontal impact[2], available side-impact airbags and the best coverage in Canada[3]. So, even though the G3 Wave works really hard to make the gas pump sad, it works just as hard to make you happy. **Cash Purchase Price at $9,995.***

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Get a handle on this van

A firm – but not jarring – ride part of the appeal of the Honda Odyssey DX

MICHAEL BANOVSKY
for Metro Canada

The competitively priced 2008 Honda Odyssey DX offers a wide range of driving positions.

2008 Honda Odyssey DX

Type: Minivan
Price: $31,490
Engine: 3.5L SOHC V6
HP: 244 h.p.

Highlights

- Great handling
- Competitive price
- Attractive, robust build

The 2008 Honda Odyssey DX keeps all the functionality of its high-end siblings, but reduces the price to a competitive $31,490.

The Odyssey is more polished than Brasso. Every switch, control, lever and surface is screwed down tightly. Adjustments with the driver's seat (six-way manual adjustment) and steering controls (tilt and telescope) are smooth and offer a wide range of possible driving positions. Controls are easy-to-use, with the only blemish coming from the CD player's forward/back buttons being the furthest away from the driver. I like the storage tray between the front seats as it reminds me of being a kid, when a rack for cassette tapes filled that space in our family vehicle.

How times have changed — especially since a CD player and auxiliary input are standard. Mom can rock out to Ciara while the kids are at swimming lessons, and switch back to Barney with a few clicks of the IPod.

There are, however, quite a few blank switches that remind you of the luxury you could have attained, but for only a few options boxes. In the high-level ($48,890!) Touring model, owners enjoy such things as power rear liftgate, power adjustable pedals, power sliding doors, 360-watt sound system, satellite navigation, Bluetooth. None of which you really need, of course, unless your father is William Shatner.

Dad's gotta play, though, and thankfully Honda didn't cheap out and offer an inferior powertrain at the lowest price point. Motivation comes from a 3.5-litre SOHC V6 with VTEC, mated to a five-speed automatic.

It's 244 horsepower and 240 ft-lbs worth of go, and actually slightly more power than you can get from the top-level EX-L and Touring models — but their motors also feature i-VTEC and cylinder deactivation to markedly improve economy.

Consumption stands at a competitive 13.3 L/100 km city and 8.5 L/100 km highway. Finally, the Odyssey is rated to tow a stout 1,588 kg.

Handling is great for a van (this is coming from someone who once burned up the front tires in his mother's Mazda MPV), and while not "tossable," could conceivably force a few tossed cookies.

The ride is firm but not jarring — the soft 16-inch steel wheels, tall sidewalls, and touring-tuned tires help keep composure over rough pavement.

Safety wasn't compromised, either — four-wheel ABS with EBD, traction control, vehicle stability control, active front head restraints, dual front airbags, dual side airbags, dual three-row curtain airbags, and child-proof locks are all standard fare.

So is the Canada-only DX worthy of the money you could be putting into a college fund? Yes. It's built well, attractive, robust and will outlast most toddlers.

It's designed to grow with a family, through road and shopping trips. It feels the benchmark in a class that's gotten so good over the last few years some automakers have given up completely.

Just get the windows tinted, OK? With that much space on display, the neighbours may get jealous.

GETTY IMAGES

David Hasselhoff approves of the new version of supercar KITT.

The KITT came back: Knight Rider returns

Even though it featured the great Hoff, Knight Rider was always about the car. Tonight, NBC is rebooting the 1980s action series about a crime fighter and his artificially intelligent talking supercar, KITT. This series has Justin Breuning behind the wheel as Mike Traceur, the estranged son of David Hasselhoff's protagonist Michael Knight.

But the star of the show — and its subsequent short-lived spinoffs — has always been the vehicle. Names of foreign versions of the original series include A Super Maquina (The Super Machine — Brazil), El Auto Fantastico (The Fantastic Car — various Latin American countries) and Supercar (Italy). Knight Rider 2000, aired in 1991, featured a customized Dodge Stealth that looked like a Pontiac Banshee IV concept car. In Knight Rider 2010 (a 1994 movie loosely based on the show), a 1969 Ford Mustang was the car of choice.

This time, Ford supplies the latest incarnation of KITT (voiced by Val Kilmer) — a customized 2008 Shelby GT 500 KR, a front-engine, rear-wheel, four-door coupe which can go from 0-60 miles per hour in 4.1 seconds. Boasting 540-horsepower, the new version features more of a musclebound design than the original, a sporty 1982 Pontiac Firebird Trans Am — which was a great promotional tool for General Motors at the time.

The marketing continues: In July, Mio Technology announced the release of a Knight Rider GPS unit.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Vanfest celebrates best of retro VW

The winning Volkswagen vans were chosen for the five generations of Campervan display at Vanfest, Europe's largest gathering of Volkswagen vans, which took place at the Three Counties Showground, Malvern, England, from Sept. 12-14.

The competition for owners to have their vans selected for the special display and each receive £100 worth of items from the retro collection of Volkswagen merchandise was supported by Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles and the organizers of Vanfest.

The oldest van chosen to represent the first generation of the Volkswagen Transporter was a valuable 1966 split-screen Samba entered by its proud owner Simon Callum.

More than 10 million Volkswagen Transporters have been built since production started with the iconic split-screen model in 1950, which must make the Transporter one of the most popular vans in the world.

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- The full retro collection of VW merchandise can be seen and purchased at www.volkswagenmerchandise.co.uk.

The winners of the five generations of the VW Camper were displayed last weekend at Vanfest in England.

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Old style is back in style

Automakers cash in on nostalgia

LORNE DRURY
for Metro Canada

The powerful 425 hp 6.1-litre SRT8 sits atop the ladder in the Challenger lineup. However, two V6 models are available for 2009, starting at $24,995. The Brampton-built Challenger also has a 5.7-litre Hemi engine, available in the R/T trim level, starting at $34,995.

Everything old is new again in the car business. Chrysler was one of the first to cash in on the public's taste for nostalgia with its PT Cruiser.

Ford followed with a redesign of the Mustang that mimicked an earlier model and now Chrysler has done it again with the return of the iconic Dodge Challenger model, set for a full-line launch in 2009.

The trend will continue next year when the Chevrolet Camaro returns, going head-to-head with the Mustang and Challenger.

Chrysler actually teased us a bit earlier this year with the introduction of the top-of-the-line SRT8 Challenger, marketed as 2008 model. However, only 500 of them stayed north of the border with about 7,000 making their way to the U.S.

While the SRT8 version is still in the lineup for 2009, the Brampton-built Challengers now start in SE trim at an affordable $24,995.

The volume leader in Canada, however, is expected to be the SXT, priced at $26,995. Both the SE and SXT are powered by a 3.5-litre high output V6, producing 250 hp and 250 lb-ft of torque.

A four-speed automatic is the only transmission available on these two models.

The third new model in the lineup is the R/T ($34,995), equipped with a 5.7-litre Hemi V8. It is offered with either a six-speed manual or five-speed automatic. The 425 hp SRT8 returns with a 6.1-litre Hemi, again with either a six-speed manual or four speed automatic.

While the SXT is expected to be the biggest seller, this car is really about muscle and the R/T and SRT8 will be sought after by gearheads.

The volume leader in Canada is expected to be the SXT.

Fuel economy is decent, but it remains to be seen how long a shelf life this model enjoys. Hopefully, the Challenger won't be the right car at the wrong time, because it's fun to drive and may be the best muscle car yet built.

And there's no doubt it attracts attention. After driving through New Jersey into Manhattan, it sure does create a stir. I've driven very few cars that elicit the response of this one. Heads turn, people do a double take and camera phones are pulled out to snap a quick picture.

The weekend after the launch, I was in Detroit for the Woodward Dream Cruise, reportedly the world's largest one-day automotive event, attracting about a million people.

Tens of thousands of vehicles of all eras from Ford Model Ts to the 2009s cruised Woodward Avenue and in the mix were a number of the 2008 SRT8s. Again heads turned and people pointed out the new Challenger to their friends.

Chrysler executives say they're excited about the prospects for the Challenger because of the buzz it creates in the marketplace.

It's great news for the folks at the Brampton Assembly Plant because it gives them another model, along with the Chrysler 300 and Dodge Charger, now that the Dodge Magnum wagon has been discontinued.

While the new Challenger boasts a striking resemblance to the Challengers of the '70s, the similarities end there.

This is a modern-day muscle car that handles like a sport sedan. On the road, the Challenger feels nimble, but you know you're in a solid car. The interior quality is better than most current Chrysler offerings, although a bit on the stark side, like muscle cars of the past.

The '09 Challenger bears more than a striking resemblance to its 1970s namesake. However, the updated version is truly a modern day muscle car that has power to spare, yet handles like a sport sedan.

For those like yours truly who have been pining for a Challenger of years gone by, but can't afford the inflated price tag, here's your chance.

Star power boosts Honda FCX Clarity

Jamie Lee Curtis, second customer of Honda's FCX Clarity hydrogen fuel cell-powered vehicle is shown at a hydrogen filling station in West Los Angeles.

Honda has announced that its second FCX Clarity customer, Jamie Lee Curtis, took delivery of the vehicle recently.

Curtis and husband Christopher Guest are the second of approximately 200 customers who will begin leasing the vehicle in the United States and Japan over the next three years.

"I really wasn't expecting it to be so luxurious," said Curtis.

"I love the interior layout, design and access to controls. It is user-friendly and very modern."

Actress and children's book author Curtis and her filmmaker husband live in Santa Monica, Calif.

They have owned other alternative fuel and hybrid vehicles and continue to seek out ways to live and advocate a greener lifestyle.

The FCX Clarity is a next-generation, hydrogen-powered fuel cell vehicle. Significant advances over Honda's previous generation FCX include a 25 per cent increase in combined fuel economy and a greater than 30 per cent increase in driving range up to 280 miles.

Propelled by an electric motor that runs on electricity generated in the fuel cell, the vehicle's only by-products are heat and water.

Also, its fuel efficiency is three times that of a modern gasoline-powered automobile.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Toyota changes prices on nine of its models

Toyota Canada has announced pricing changes on nine models.

The revised pricing reflects new specifications changes, new 2009 model year introductions and retaining competitively priced products with the U.S. and Canadian markets.

The list of 2009 model year Toyota vehicles launching soon include:

Yaris with a trunk offers a new starting MSRP (Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price) of $13,945. Starting Sept. 15, 2008, Yaris Hatchback will carry a new starting MSRP of $13,210.

A newly revised RAV4 now starts at an MSRP of $26,500.

Prius, following a $1,900 reduction on 2008 models on July 1, has a new MSRP for its 2009 models. The 2009 base model now carries a starting MSRP of $27,400, a reduction of $200 following a change to the standard equipment alloy wheels.

Sienna, as announced earlier this month, now carries a lower starting MSRP of $28,990.

Toyota dealers will be selling the popular Prius for $200 less than last year's models.

Avalon now starts at an MSRP of $37,755, Canadians will see lower introductory prices by as much as $2085 versus the comparable 2008 model while adding additional features.

Beginning Sept. 15, 2008, Highlander will carry a starting MSRP of $37,150.

The all-new Canadian-built Corolla launched earlier this year carries a new starting MSRP of $14,835, and an MSRP of $15,975 for the all-new Matrix crossover.

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Actor James Denton recently purchased an all-electric Zero X motorcycle from Santa Cruz, California-based Zero Motorcycles.

Hero gets Zero fever

Desperate Housewives star digs electric dirt bike

While many celebrities retreat to exotic locales while on hiatus, James Denton from ABC's Desperate Housewives prefers the tranquil scenery of Montana.

As an outdoor and motorcycle enthusiast, Denton now has the ability to cruise through the countryside in complete silence on his new Zero X electric dirt bike that he recently purchased.

The Zero X is a high performance, no compromise electric motorcycle without the obnoxious noise and pollution of a regular gas motorcycle.

After taking a ride on his new Zero X through the scenic hills o Montana, Denton simply said, "It's unbelievable! You just don't expect an electric motorcycle to have this kind of power. I ride a lot so when I heard about the Zero X, I was pretty anxious to get one. It's pretty cool."

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The Zero X is not a gas motorcycle conversion but was designed from the ground up to take full advantage of the high torque, low weight 100 per cent electric power train.

The Zero X electric motorcycle chassis is made out of aircraft aluminum making it one of the lightest motorcycle frames on the planet at 18 pounds. More than 300 individual parts were custom designed for the Zero X, leaving the bike at total weight of 140 pounds, less than half the weight of a gas-powered motorcycle.

The Zero X delivers blistering acceleration with unmatched handling and maneuverability, while at the same time, delivering a quiet and smooth ride.

The battery unit is eco-friendly and approved for landfill disposal, setting a new standard for electric motorcycles.

What makes the Zero X motorcycle truly different from other electric motorcycles is the use of a special high power Lithium Ion battery.

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Healthy tires help save fuel

Motorists who measure and, if necessary, adjust their tire pressures monthly to the vehicle manufacturers recommendation can expect to save about two weeks worth of fuel annually.

A tire that is under-inflated does not roll as smoothly or as easily as it was intended. This diminishes fuel efficiency because increased rolling resistance causes the vehicle to burn more fuel, which increases both fuel costs and emissions. Fuel efficiency drops by about one per cent for every five per cent, or two pounds per square inch (psi), of under-inflation.

"Making sure your tires are always properly inflated is an easy way to achieve better fuel economy and lower harmful emissions," said Glenn Maidment, President of the Rubber Association of Canada (RAC), which represents tire makers.

"All that's required is knowing a few simple procedures and measuring your tire pressures each month. It's easy, it's free and it can save you hundreds of dollars each year at the pump"

A survey revealed that nearly 70 per cent of Canadians have at least one tire that is over of under-inflated by at least 10 per cent, which causes vehicles to burn more fuel.

RAC research suggests that only about a third of motorists actually take the five minutes required each month to measure their tire pressure.

According to a recent RAC survey conducted by Ipsos Reid, on any given day on Canada's roadways nearly 70 per cent of vehicles have at least one tire that is over or under-inflated by at least 10 per cent.

More disturbingly, 23 per cent have at least one tire under-inflated by more than 20 per cent.

The cost of this neglect is considerable.

According to research by Natural Resources Canada, Canadian drivers will burn an extra 643 million litres of the fuel and release an additional one million tonnes of carbon dioxide into the air because one or more of their tires are under-inflated. This means the average Canadian driver could save the equivalent of two weeks worth of fuel every year simply by making sure their tires are always properly inflated.

pressure points

- Remember to only measure pressure when the tires are cold. If you have been driving, wait three hours before measuring tire pressure.
- Use a reliable tire gauge when measuring pressure. A visual inspection is not an effective way of measuring tire pressure.
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Chrysler readies hybrid-electrics

Chrysler's Hybrid Electric Vehicles (HEVs) have started rolling off the assembly line at its Newark (Delaware) Assembly Plant.

Chrysler is offering the two-mode hybrid powertrain on both vehicles built at the plant, Dodge Durango and Chrysler Aspen.

In order to smoothly add one of the automotive industry's most advanced technologies into their established build process, cross-functional launch teams conducted highly accurate, cost-effective computer simulation of new assembly processes.

Similar efforts were conducted at tooling suppliers.

Production of vehicles with the hybrid powertrain differs in several ways from production of those with conventional powertrains. New processes were implemented to accommodate HEV production, including a unique powertrain assembly process, and ergonomic-assist systems to aid in new functions, such as HEV battery installation.

There are several unique components associated with HEV production that are installed at the plant, including: 300-volt battery, two-mode transmission, torque power inverter module (TPIM), electric air conditioning, auxiliary power module, high-voltage cables (AC and DC), hydro-electric power steering pump, hybrid gate way module and cooling module.

Chrysler's advanced, state-of-the-art two-mode full hybrid system integrates proven automatic-transmission technology with a patented hybrid-electric drive system to deliver the world's first two-mode full hybrid.

An ergonomic arm assists assembly line employees with the installation of the 300-volt battery essential to the Chrysler two-mode hybrid electric vehicle.

Keep fees in mind when shopping for car

Rising fuel costs are causing people to reassess their driving needs, but there are a host of other important factors to consider when purchasing a vehicle.

It's important to know there may be additional fees on top of the advertised price. The Ontario Motor Vehicle Industry Council (OMVIC) has provided some useful information to consider when shopping for a vehicle:

PRICING AND FEES

- "Zero per cent" or other low interest rate offers are popular, but often you have to pay more for the car if you opt for the low interest rate financing.
- Administration fees, also known as "documentation fees," can be catch-alls for a variety of dealer paperwork costs.
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Disney moms

Until Sept. 19, you can apply at *disneyworldmoms.com* to be among the 16 Disney park-savvy parents who will be named to the 2009 Walt Disney World Moms Panel. The first-ever online such panel has been fielding and answering thousands of vacation questions in 2008. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Travel

Paddling underground

Heading to the Mayan Riviera? Adventure company Alltournative is offering a new half-day outing called Rio Secreto, or Secret River, for a small groups. Equipped with helmets with flashlights, wetsuits and life jackets, the group descends to the underground river, where they can explore the caverns, stalactites, stalagmites, corals and other natural treasures hidden in the underground world. Visit *alltournative.com*. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Strolling Berlin's hippest 'hoods

JENNIFER LESIEUR
Metro World News

Imagine a city eight times the size of Paris, with hardly any more inhabitants. Imagine parks and roads like gigantic sports pitches. Imagine rent and dinners that are half the price of most of Europe.

Berlin isn't necessarily the most beautiful city in the world, but it is one of the most pleasant. It's no surprise that it's a magnet for a wide range of creative types, from artists to musicians. Following are some of the city's trendiest neighbourhoods; explore them by foot or, as Berliners would, by bicycle.

Kreuzberg

Take a walk down Zossener Strasse and loiter awhile at Soultrade-Scratch records, and its neighbour, Space Hall, the best record shop to go to for the lastest CDs from Berlin indie labels including Kitty-Yo and BPitch, *soultrade.de*. Just below, Bergmann Strasse is a quiet little road where the café terraces sit side by side with flea markets and upmarket boutiques.

Stop at Bagage, where all sorts of cutting-edge bags hang from the walls and brands include Kultbag and Bereitschaftstasche. Two metro stations away is the start of Oranienstrasse. It would be impossible to count the design shops here — there's nothing else! Fashionistas should navigate towards the immense space that's home to local fashion label UVR Connected, *uvr-connected.de*, then move on to the designs for sale at Cherry Bomb. Hit the Videodrom Shop, a pop culture paradise, for an impressive choice of films, books and mainstream gadgets.

Prenzlauer Berg

The Prenzlauer Berg area stretches out around the metro station at Eberswalder Strasse. Lose yourself in Pappelallee, Schliemann Strasse and Duncker Strasse before ordering a bespoke bag made from recycled materials at Tausche, at Helmholtzplatz, *tausche-berlin.de*.

Walk down Kastanienallee (where you'll find Prater, the oldest biergarten in the city) and stray down the roads just off it, where artists have transformed the buildings and created little stores where variety is king. Second-hand clothing fans should visit Schwedter Strasse, a tranquil street lined with pretty cafes.

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Some routes will take you through artist-transformed streets.

Mitte

You'll find the main streetwear brands — including Carhartt, Crumpler, Wesc and Vans — along and around Oranienburger Strasse, the main road running through the Mitte district. Rosenthaler Strasse is streetwear paradise, and skaters meet up at Titus Shop on Spandauer Strasse, *titus.de*.

For hip homewares, stroll on to Neue Schoenhauser Strasse and stop at Schoenhauser, *www.schoenhauser-design.de*, where you'll find everything from '50s stools to an ashtray made from boiled cardboard. Next, walk up Alte Schonhauser Strasse, base camp of local fashion labels such as Skunkfunk.

Feeling tired? It's time to take a design break: Walk to number 17 Rosa-Luxemburg Strasse and take a seat at Susuru, *www.susuru.de*, a funny little noodle bar with space age décor — it's chic and cheap, with excellent food.

Smitten and surprised with Slovenia

TheTravelJunkie

Europe and I don't usually get along. Expensive, predictable and overrun with tourists, central Europe is a part of the world my wandering spirit and wallet like to avoid.

I prepared for my trip to Slovenia with a little research. Bordering Italy, Croatia, Hungary and Austria, the Republic of Slovenia gained independence from the former region of Yugoslavia in 1991.

Since it's officially in central Europe, I had to expect the usual: crowded attractions, octogenarian tour buses and an unforgiving Euro that kicks our currency's butt. Instead, I discovered Slovenia is a hidden gem.

My trip started in Ljubljana, a vibrant capital city that exists off the radar of most travellers. My days were spent touring the Old Town, and nights sipping local beer and debating with students about which one was better.

From Ljubljana, I traveled to Bled, a tiny community on the edge of Triglav National Park. Set against a backdrop of the snow capped Julian Alps, Bled "bleeds" medieval charm and romance. Visitors can take a boat tour to the church of St. Mary in the middle of the lake. From there, after walking up the 99 steps to the top of the cathedral, tourists have a chance to make all their wishes come true. Legend has it that if you ring the church bell three times, your wish will be granted.

From trendy Ljubljana to the foothills of the Alps, I found myself completely smitten with Slovenia. There is a Mediterranean vibe of sophistication, without the pretension — or price of other Euro countries.

JULIA DIMON/FOR METRO CANADA

Bled is nestled in the foothills of Slovenia's Julian Alps.

Julia Dimon is co-host of Word Travels, airing on OLN; juliadimon.com.

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Rumer Willis to guest on CSI: NY
Rumer Willis, daughter of actors Demi Moore and Bruce Willis, will be playing a character by the name of Mac Taylor in CSI: NY's 100th episode that is scheduled to air on Nov. 19. EW.COM

Entertainment

Hanks tribute
The Film Society of Lincoln Centre will pay tribute to actor Tom Hanks at its annual gala tribute on April 27, citing Hanks' talent of making "a good man compelling." IMDB.COM

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No love for Myers' Guru in India

Mike Myers in The Love Guru

MOVIES Leading Hindu groups are urging film bosses not to release Mike Myers' comedy flop The Love Guru in India for fear of riots on the streets, imdb.com reports.

Officials at the Universal Society of Hinduism, who spearheaded a Hindu boycott of the film in America, have joined with other leading groups to call for a nationwide ban on the movie, claiming funnyman Myers mocks the religion.

There are no immediate plans to release the movie in India. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Igor's monster mash-up

Animated Frankenstein spinoff blends new and old themes

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

From Kung Fu Panda to Wall-E to Star Wars: The Clone Wars. These days, computer-animated movies seem to hit theatres every other week. In such an oversaturated movie market, what will make Igor — a modern twist on the classic monster movie — stand out among the rest?

"I haven't seen anything like it but it reminded me of those old films I saw in the '60s and '70s," says the film's lead voice actor John Cusack during a recent interview in Los Angeles.

"Old movies that were around when the Beatles were doing Yellow Submarine. There was some strange animation back then."

A spin-off of the classic story of Frankenstein, Igor — it hits theatres on Friday — does add a slightly gothic take on the now common family film. Intended to have a style unlike most animated features, director Tony Leondis has said that he wanted "the world to be a collage of the Middle Ages and gothic England with a touch of pop sixties."

"I love it because it's different than any other animated film we've seen in years," says Sean Hayes (from TV's Will & Grace) who provides the voice for the character of Brain — a brain in a jar. "It's got sharp edges and corners and it's not soft and flowy."

Where the look of the film lacks in, as Hayes describes, "flowiness," it does make up in a redeeming story. Igor (Cusack) is a slurring hunchback lab assistant who, with the help of Brain, builds his own monster named Eva (Molly Shannon).

Igor — a spin-off of the Frankenstein story — opens in theatres Friday.

Only this monster turns out to be anything but evil. Instead, she is a wholesome, aspiring actress with one gigantic arm and a heart of gold.

"I love that she was so sweet," says Shannon, most recognized for her work on Saturday Night Live. "She keeps to her dramatic studies, working on her voice and her body and (I like) how sweet and innocent she is.

"Now I'm a jaded old broad but when I first started acting, I was really like that," adds Shannon. "I couldn't believe I was in New York City, taking acting studies, having coffee and I was taking notes! It was such a fun time."

"I'm just starting this," jokes Hayes. "Now I'm taking notes. It took me a while."

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Metallica set to top album chart

Metallica's new disc is now out.

MUSIC Metallica's first album in five years will take the No. 1 slot on the U.S. pop chart when sales data are issued today, according to preliminary estimates.

The album is already No. 1 in Britain, having gone on sale worldwide last Friday. Informed sources estimate Death Magnetic sold 450,000-500,000 copies across the United States during the week ended Sept. 14. Albums usually come out on a Tuesday in the United States, and a day earlier everywhere else.

Metallica's last studio album, St. Anger, was also released on a Friday. REUTERS

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Eva could join The Avengers

Actress Eva Longoria Parker, left, is said to be set to star in the new comic book movie The Avengers as Janet Van Dyne, also known as The Wasp. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Ewan McGregor

McGregor mutes cancer news

PEOPLE Actor Ewan McGregor is playing down his recent "cancer scare," because his life was not in question, imdb.com reports.

McGregor attempted to deal with his basal cell carcinoma quietly, but word spread that McGregor was battling cancer. However, he hates the idea he's a survivor.

"It is scary when you hear you've got cancer," he said. "I quickly discovered it's a very common and treatable condition. I would hate to say I had a cancer scare, because it's not fair to people who really have cancer scares. In my case, my mortality wasn't called into question."

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Sweet on Sunshine

Alt-rock icon's new solo disc underscores return to form

BRIAN TOWIE
Metro Canada

Matthew Sweet's latest album, Sunshine Lies, is now in stores.

Matthew Sweet has a good thing going baby, as he might say.

The alt-rock icon who cut his teeth in the burgeoning Athens, Ga., scene — out of which came R.E.M. and the B-52s — has recently released Sunshine Lies, the latest in a low-profile but critically acclaimed canon that has spanned more than 20 years.

An eclectic collection of upbeat power-poppers set to melancholy narratives, mellotron-accented white noise and ballads that muse on retreats from personal pain — Sweet's work is notorious for it — Sunshine Lies has been called a return to form by the press, and is the toast of American indie record stores.

"It was about blissful, willful ignorance. I was trying to reconcile the hopelessness of everything," Sweet, now 43, says of the title track over the phone from his home recording studio in Los Angeles. "It was originally supposed to be called Rock Bottom, but I renamed it and then this psychedelic song grew out of the title. It was more 'out there,' which is what I liked."

Long time coming for Sweet's first solo album in four years, though; he recorded Sunshine Lies over more than 18 months between collaborative projects, including a double-album of 1960s pop covers with ex-Bangle Susanna Hoffs, who also makes an appearance on Sunshine Lies. (The pair incidentally, has begun work on a cover album of songs from the 1970s, one of them being Blue Oyster Cult's Don't Fear The Reaper.).

"I did have it ready, but it was too super-rock, and I didn't want it all as just one thing. So I moved to other stuff and I remixed it," Sweet said. "Then the label told me, 'Deadline, deadline, deadline. Turn it in!' "

The LP version of the album, which features four bonus tracks and a CD version, as well, came in at No. 2 on CIMS' (Coalition of Independent Music Stores) vinyl chart in early September. It's a trend he's seeing more at his gigs.

"I'm the king of vinyl," he laughs. "Probably not for long though. It's a growing story though; the last show I did, people were buying up the vinyl version of the album."

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Thirds for chef?
Chef Jamie Oliver, right, has reportedly revealed that he would love to add a son to his family even if that means adopting. He and his wife, Jools, already have two daughters. **FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK**

HBO going old, old school

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HBO — THE NEW PBS?
There was a day when U.S. public television was known for its quality documentaries and period costume dramas — the latter usually imported from Britain — but every time I tune in these days they're either showing some dubious motivational speaker holding forth to an audience of retirees about either money or health, or in the middle a filmed concert featuring doo-wop or reconstituted classic rock bands performing for an audience of the same retirees who've had a chance to change from their sport jackets to those oversized, high-quality t-shirts that look like they're dry-cleaned.

Last weekend I was leapfrogging up the dial to the local PBS affiliate hoping at least for a rerun of As Time Goes By, only to be treated to the sexagenarian Troggs in the middle of Wild Thing, part of a night of garage and frat rock bands in front of the usual audience of semi-ecstatic grandparents. Not just during fundraising drives but during the balance of the broadcasting year, PBS has become the house network of the AARP.

A stray spark leapt across the synapses this week when I read about the latest show to get greenlit by HBO. It's been fascinating watching the jewel in the crown of quality cable during these last few post-Sopranos/Sex And The City years, as it's been struggling to restore its vitality and reputation in the face of misfires and executive shakeups while onetime also-rans like Showtime, FX and AMC have stepped into the void they've left behind.

A massive new hit from HBO would not only be nice for them, it would be the uplifting last chapter to a story about how a commercial entity lost and then rediscovered its creative inspiration against all apparent odds.

That's a 5,000-word magazine story I'd love to read. HBO is going about reviving its mojo in a curious way; a historical miniseries about the largely unsung second president of the United States has been its most recent critical hit, and they've taken that as a cue and given the go-ahead to Manhunt, a new miniseries about the 12-day search for John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of Abraham Lincoln, in the days just following the end of the U.S. Civil War.

Manhunt will reunite David Simon, the creator of HBO's The Wire, with Tom Fontana, the man behind Oz, for the first time since Fontana turned a book Simon had written as a crime reporter in Baltimore into the NBC series Homicide. It was originally conceived as an action-oriented thriller featuring Harrison Ford as the cavalry officer who finally corners Booth.

But the option on Ford ran out, according to a story in Broadcasting & Cable magazine, and Simon and Fontana decided to take the story in a less Jack Ryanesque direction.

"I don't do action," said Simon.

One can't help but speculate how far HBO can go down this road — perhaps a real-time series about the decimation of Galveston, Texas by a hurricane in 1900 (complete with bludgeoning parallels to Katrina, and a groaning comparison of William McKinley to George W. Bush), or a sordid expose of the melodramatic goings-on in the Woodrow Wilson White House during World War One.

HBO has about 20 years to kill, after all, until it can start airing concerts featuring reunited grunge bands.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

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news

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critics'corner

Gok's Fashion Fix
Even those who think fashion-related television is dull — who can afford those clothes, anyway, and what real person looks good in them? — will like this new series hosted by Gok Wan ("How to Look Good Naked"). He shows how to replicate designer looks for a fraction of the cost, while sidekick Alexa Chung stages humorous "road tests" of hot styles. Other segments include designer interviews and celebrity wardrobe prowls. Good times! 10 PM on 62 W

Do Not Disturb
When Neal (Jerry O'Connell) decides to hang a giant bird cage in the bar of The Inn to put his top-notch female staff on display, Rhonda (Niecy Nash) warns him it may be against hotel policy. Downstairs, Larry (Jesse Tyler Ferguson) gives Gus (Dave Franco) inside information about female guests to he can sweet-talk them into tipping better. Audrina Patridge checks in. 9:30 PM on 36 FOX

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Celebrity Buzz

Sienna fans outraged by 'affair'

ONLINE The fallout continues from actress Sienna Miller's romance with actor Balthazar Getty, MSN Entertainment reports.

Her biggest fan site, Sienna-Miller.org, has decided to pack it in because of her liaison with Getty, who, while still married, is no longer with his wife.

"We do not know the whole story behind this affair, and some may argue it is not our place to judge BUT when Sienna can cavort so publicly and so shamelessly with this man who IS married and does have four children (including a baby only a few months old) with his wife, my respect for her goes out of the window," writes the webmaster. "One minute she says she wants to be taken seriously as an actress and she's sick of all the false stories about her in the press ... and the next she's topless on a beach with a married man's hands all over her — come on Sienna, you know the paparazzi are going to be around. If she was serious about being taken seriously, she would, well, not display herself so publicly like this."

Unless a suitable replacement is found, the site will soon close up shop for good.

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Victoria talks muse

CAREER Former Spice Girl Victoria Beckham has written a heartfelt letter about her fashion dreams coming true — and how husband David inspires her new men's line, People.com reports.

"This past year has been amazing, not only as a mother and wife but as the Creative Director of my label 'dVb by Victoria Beckham,' " Victoria, 34, writes on her website. "In just under two years dVb has grown from a passionate idea into collections which are stocked in top stores around the world – something I only used to dream of."

Fuelling her dream, as her label leaps the gender gap, is her spouse.

"The label grows as I do," she writes. "Along with women's denim the dVb mens collection has just launched, and who better than David to be my muse!"

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celebrity brief

Thieves spare Moss' ring

CRIME Model Kate Moss is relieved a $360,000 US ring was spared after vandals targeted her car, imdb.com reports.

The 34-year-old was stunned when thieves broke into her Range Rover outside her north London home, and feared her solitaire diamond ring had been stolen in the raid.

But Moss was delighted to learn the vandals only retrieved $18 and a box of chocolates.

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celebrity brief

Allen excited about album

MUSIC Lily Allen has revealed that her new album is to be released on Feb. 9, the Daily Mirror reports.

"I am so excited, we're getting all the artwork and stuff done and coming up with new and interesting ideas," Allen posted on her Myspace blog about her latest offering. "I hope you'll all love it as much as I do."

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Federline warns Paris

PEOPLE Kevin Federline has warned Paris Hilton to stay away from Britney Spears, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The dancer and rapper, who has two children with ex-wife Spears, told the hotel heiress to leave the singer alone because she does not need any bad influences in her life.

Federline reportedly told the socialite he does not want Spears to return to her troubled lifestyle for the sake of his children Sean Preston, 3, and Jayden James, 2.

"It was quite a chilling warning," a source told Britain's Daily Star newspaper.

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Rihanna's troubled childhood

PEOPLE Rihanna rarely gets drunk because she was taught the dangers of booze by her reportedly alcoholic father, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Barbados-born star recently revealed that her childhood was blighted by her dad's alleged drink and drug problems, admitting that as a child she was often left to care for her younger brothers while her mother was at work.

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Leo and model split up again

ROMANCE The light-switch romance of actor Leonardo DiCaprio and model Bar Refaeli is off again, the New York Daily News reports.

The pair have been partying apart over the past few weeks.

Refaeli appears bereft, sources say, like she's looking for a good time but not finding it.

As for DiCaprio, the good times find him. A brunette reportedly glommed onto him at a New York Club recently, but the source adds they did not exchange phone numbers.

DiCaprio and Refaeli's relationship has been bumpy since they met in 2005, including a split in October 2007. METRO NEWS SERVICES

"This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

So it sounds like **Victoria Beckham** has finally revealed the secret of her design success. She says hubby David, famous footballer, is her muse. Victoria ought to be careful about relying too much on her husband for design inspiration. All his ideas are bound to be so 'footy-focussed' they may not be quite Project Runway worthy.

Allow me to do what I always do when I have no actual evidence to back up my thesis, and simply make up examples that I imagine may result.

Jewel Protection Pants are fashionable slacks with the interesting added feature: a pair of padded, crossed hands strategically sewn across the crotch. You'll never be ill-prepared for a surprise free kick again, even if it happens at the club.

The Red Card is an attempt to bring back the classy jacket pocket puff, albeit in the form of a bright red square which the dashing young dandy can pull out just like a referee anytime he wishes to banish an offending 'player' from the dance floor, a restaurant or taxi cab.

Man's Chest Hair You Knitted is a frankly grotesque but cheekily named limited edition sweater woven entirely from the chest hair of Italian goalkeeping legend Giancarlo Buffon. Am I getting warmer? Yes.

Because no outfit is complete without footwear, Rooney Runners, named in honour of dynamic but frequently imbibing English player Wayne Rooney, are basic white sneaks with a twist. They're tastefully splattered in decorative fake vomit.

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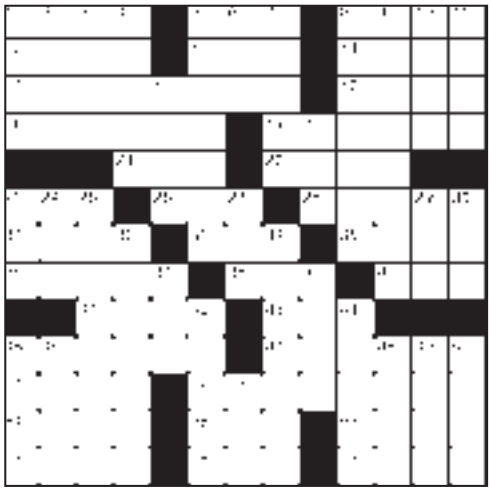

Crossword across

1 Lone Ranger trademark
5 Tit for —
8 Big bothers
12 Killer whale
13 Miners' gathering
14 Unuttered "alas"
15 Muscle relaxant
17 Part of TLC
18 Wooden shoes
19 USNA freshmen
21 Lennon's love
22 One of the Jackson 5
23 Dancer Charisse
26 Help
28 Cockpit occupant
31 Raised platform
33 Prune
35 Farewell, in Florence
36 Make like Torvill and Dean
38 "A mouse!"
40 Weep
41 Actress Sorvino
43 Have a bug
45 Snuck a look
47 Nap
51 Mortgage datum
52 Oblique
54 Microwave, e.g.
55 A billion years
56 Dines
57 Twerp
58 Trench
59 Being (Lat.)

Crossword down

1 1960s London subculturists
2 Met melody
3 Wound cover
4 Buzzing instrument
5 It's turned when plowing
6 Coach Parseghian
7 Lure
8 Spartan
9 Fiendish
10 Shrek is one
11 "Take Her, — Mine"
16 Sicilian spouter
20 Back talk
23 LPs' successors
24 Tibetan beast
25 Twice the radius
27 Buck's mate
29 Rowing tool
30 Plaything
32 Wages
34 Lowly one
37 Before
39 Chess piece
42 Venomous viper
44 Detached
45 Pt. of speech
46 Roof overhang
48 Responsibility
49 Uses a ray gun
50 Otherwise
53 Debt notice

Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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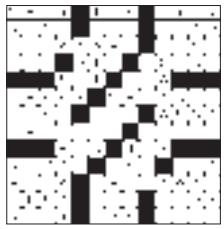

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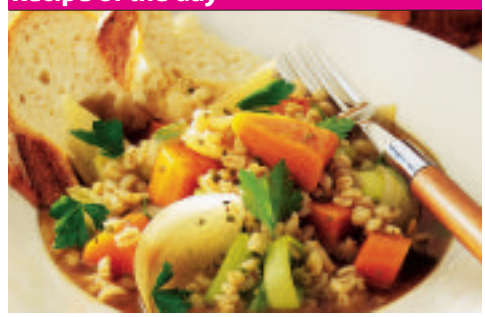

Roast Vegetable and Bean Stew

This easy, one-pot dish of root vegetables and pinto beans makes a nourishing fall dinner and needs no accompaniments.

INGREDIENTS:
1 small acorn squash
1 lb (500 g) new potatoes, scrubbed and cut into 1 1/2-in. (4-cm) chunks
2 carrots, cut into 1 1/2-in. (4-cm) chunks
2 parsnips, cut into 1 1/2-in. (4-cm) chunks
2 large zucchini, cut into 1 1/2-in. (4-cm) chunks
2 tsp (10 mL) olive oil
1 garlic clove, finely chopped
4 large sprigs of fresh rosemary, plus extra sprigs to garnish
2 cans (19 oz/540 mL) pinto beans, drained and rinsed
1 cup (250 mL) apple cider
1 cup (250 mL) hot low-sodium vegetable broth
Salt and pepper

METHOD:
1. Preheat the oven to 400°F (200°C). Halve the squash and remove the seeds, then peel the skin and cut the flesh into 1 1/2-in. (4-cm) chunks.
2. Put the squash in a bowl and add the potatoes, carrots, parsnips and zucchini. Drizzle the olive oil over the vegetables and toss to coat evenly. Stir in the garlic, and season lightly with salt and pepper.
3. Lay the rosemary sprigs on the bottom of a large roasting pan and spread the vegetables on top in a single layer. Roast until lightly browned, about 30 minutes, turning once.
4. Remove from the oven and stir in the pinto beans, cider and broth. Cover the pan tightly with foil, then return to the oven and cook until the vegetables are tender, about 20 to 25 minutes. Before serving, remove the rosemary stalks and garnish with fresh rosemary sprigs.

SERVES 6

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Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
You can conquer restrictions without a struggle. A stroke of luck leads to success. Someone doesn't understand your opinions.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
An important letter becomes a vexation. A trumped-up story creates intolerance. Define your standards for a sad person.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Rearrange your expectations of authority. An amiable man jogs your memory. Someone plays second fiddle to a lazybones.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
A disagreement about privileges leads to changes. Get the facts straight or you'll make pathetic mistakes. Trust that things can be done quickly.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
A challenge results from a misunderstanding. Inspiration finds you some noisy supporters. You'll have a hair-raising adventure.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Try to get concessions from a virtuous person. Don't waste time or money. A failure can be a source of pleasure.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Request help from ruthless people. Surprise a friend with a thoughtful remark. Don't get carried away with a stranger.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
You should expect affection from a youthful person. Trust your feelings when you have complaints. Friendliness wins over a self-righteous loser.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Try to wipe away your doubts. You'll be celebrating an excellent prospect. A friend's strange remarks will unnerve you.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Don't refuse to admit overhearing a conversation. Someone is teasing a wishy-washy guy. A secret rendezvous will take its toll.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Start the ball rolling, because success is nigh. A man in despair talks of world weariness. Someone's feelings are made of balsa wood.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
You know more than you're letting on about something. A confident person will contribute staying power. A dreamer comes out in the open.

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SEPT. 17, 1630: The city of Boston, Massachusetts, is founded.
SEPT. 17, 1787: The United States Constitution is signed in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
SEPT. 17, 1814: Francis Scott Key finishes his The Star-Spangled Banner poem.
SEPT. 17, 1908: The Wright Flyer flown by Orville Wright, with Lieutenant Thomas Selfridge as passenger, crashes; killing Selfridge. He becomes the first airplane fatality.
SEPT. 17, 1956: Television was first broadcast in Australia.
SEPT. 17, 1976: The first Space Shuttle, Enterprise, was unveiled by NASA.

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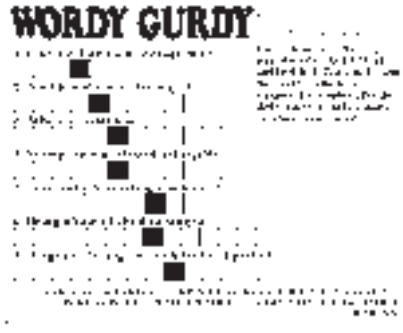

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